The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

You are invited to comment

on



Alternative Remedies Studied and the Proposed Plan for the South Ditch Sediments

The New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Superfund Project DePue, Illinois

Public Hearing

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 9, 2002, at 6:30 p.m.

Place: V.F.W. Hall in DePue (202 West 1st Street)

Comment Period: The public comment period begins September 9, 2002, and will end November 12, 2002. All written comments should be mailed to William Seltzer, IEPA Hearing Officer, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276. Mr. Seltzer's telephone number is 217/782-5544. Comments must be postmarked no later than midnight November 12, 2002.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the hearing is for the Illinois EPA to receive oral comments on the alternatives and Proposed Plan described in the enclosed fact sheet. The Illinois EPA will begin the meeting by explaining and answering questions about the Proposed Plan and the alternatives. The public will then have an opportunity to make verbal comments which will be recorded by a court reporter. Written comments can be given to the IEPA any time during the comment period listed above. The IEPA will consider both the verbal comments and the written comments before making a final decision on the South Ditch remedy. The IEPA's responses to these comments will be documented in a responsiveness summary which will be released to the public with the Record of Decision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: All questions concerning the hearing procedures and requests for copies of the hearing rules should be directed to the hearing officer listed above. Requests for interpreters should be made to the hearing officer also by September 25, 2002.

For information about the project, contact Virginia Wood, IEPA Community Relations Coordinator, at P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, telephone number 217/785-1269 and email address virginia.wood@epa.state.il.us or Rich Lange, IEPA Project Manager, at P.O. Box 1515, LaSalle, IL 61301, telephone number 815/447-2125 and email address rich.lange@epa.state.il.us

The IEPA website contains project fact sheets and the proposed plan and is located at www.epa.state.il.us/community-relations/fact-sheets.html

The administrative record file is located in the Springfield Office of the IEPA. To review the file, call for an appointment at 217/782-9878. A copy of the file will also be located at the Selby Township Library in DePue along with other project information.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Public comments on the remedies and cleanup methods being considered for the South Ditch sediments are important. New information may be obtained through these comments that would influence Illinois EPA to modify its recommended alternative or to select another alternative presented in this Proposed Plan. You are encouraged to review and comment on these alternatives. Illinois EPA will respond to comments in a Responsiveness Summary document, which will be attached to the Record of Decision.